

Marshall Residence
Painesville
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Owner (or Custodian) Mr. Marshall

Date of Erection Built about 1800

Architect

Builder Mr. Smith

Present Condition In good condition. Altered since
1900

Number of Stories Two stories

Materials of Construction Frame building

Other Existing Records: Four drawings
Five photographs
One page of history

Additional Data: A small cellar concealed under a
barn not far from the house was
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Mr. Smith, a Southerner, the original owner built a small one-story frame house about the year 1800. Later this house served as the summer kitchen.

This same Mr. Smith, at a later undetermined date, built the original house. Mr. Marshall, the Great Grandfather of the present owner, consisting of four generations, bought this property about the year 1830.

About the year 1860, prior to the Civil War, a barn situated about 100'0" from the house, measuring 60'x30' frame, grade sloping to rear about 7'0". A small cellar concealed under this barn was entered from the rear through a trap door. This barn was used as a link in the underground railroad for escaped slaves. They were placed in this cellar, fed, and later transferred to Canada across Lake Erie.

No alterations or additions were made until 1900, and gradually this house was altered into its present state. The pilasters and cornice, flush siding, entrance and windows in the front of the house (west elevation) are original, the style of architecture is Colonial.

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